

**MOST SERIOUS OFFENSE* OF
INMATES ADMITTED TO SCDC FY 2007**

OFFENSE CLASSIFICATION	BLACK MALES		BLACK FEMALES		WHITE MALES		WHITE FEMALES		OTHER MALES		OTHER FEMALES		TOTAL	
	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent	Number	Percent
DANGEROUS DRUGS	2,172	27.3%	135	19.9%	526	12.9%	192	21.4%	71	26.2%	7	35.0%	3,103	22.3%
BURGLARY	974	12.2%	45	6.6%	806	19.8%	85	9.5%	25	9.2%	2	10.0%	1,937	13.9%
ASSAULT	828	10.4%	58	8.5%	363	8.9%	40	4.5%	30	11.1%	2	10.0%	1,321	9.5%
TRAFFIC OFFENSE	529	6.6%	26	3.8%	370	9.1%	70	7.8%	56	20.7%	1	5.0%	1,052	7.6%
FRAUDULENT ACTIVITY	277	3.5%	164	24.1%	250	6.1%	179	20.0%	3	1.1%	2	10.0%	875	6.3%
LARCENY	409	5.1%	50	7.4%	326	8.0%	61	6.8%	7	2.6%	0	0.0%	853	6.1%
ROBBERY	580	7.3%	15	2.2%	135	3.3%	16	1.8%	10	3.7%	1	5.0%	757	5.4%
STOLEN VEHICLE	342	4.3%	7	1.0%	248	6.1%	30	3.3%	13	4.8%	0	0.0%	640	4.6%
FAMILY OFFENSE	270	3.4%	26	3.8%	216	5.3%	31	3.5%	14	5.2%	1	5.0%	558	4.0%
FORGERY/COUNTERFEITING	187	2.3%	66	9.7%	136	3.3%	95	10.6%	3	1.1%	2	10.0%	489	3.5%
OBSTRUCTING POLICE	281	3.5%	25	3.7%	108	2.6%	22	2.5%	5	1.8%	0	0.0%	441	3.2%
WEAPON OFFENSE	327	4.1%	8	1.2%	70	1.7%	3	0.3%	3	1.1%	0	0.0%	411	3.0%
SEXUAL ASSAULT	157	2.0%	0	0.0%	126	3.1%	1	0.1%	9	3.3%	0	0.0%	293	2.1%
HOMICIDE	150	1.9%	12	1.8%	57	1.4%	6	0.7%	8	3.0%	1	5.0%	234	1.7%
STOLEN PROPERTY	80	1.0%	2	0.3%	63	1.5%	8	0.9%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	155	1.1%
SEX OFFENSES	80	1.0%	1	0.1%	52	1.3%	2	0.2%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	137	1.0%
KIDNAPPING	85	1.1%	4	0.6%	26	0.6%	2	0.2%	3	1.1%	0	0.0%	120	0.9%
COMPUTER CRIMES	37	0.5%	2	0.3%	40	1.0%	10	1.1%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	90	0.6%
DAMAGED PROPERTY	29	0.4%	2	0.3%	37	0.9%	5	0.6%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	73	0.5%
ARSON	25	0.3%	4	0.6%	28	0.7%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	59	0.4%
CRIMINAL CONSPIRACY	23	0.3%	5	0.7%	15	0.4%	9	1.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	52	0.4%
ACCESSORY TO FELONY	31	0.4%	2	0.3%	11	0.3%	5	0.6%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	50	0.4%
FLIGHT/ESCAPE	18	0.2%	5	0.7%	20	0.5%	4	0.4%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	48	0.3%
MISCELLANEOUS CHARGES	14	0.2%	0	0.0%	10	0.2%	2	0.2%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	26	0.2%
SMUGGLING	13	0.2%	1	0.1%	5	0.1%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	20	0.1%
POSSESSION OF TOOLS	10	0.1%	0	0.0%	8	0.2%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	19	0.1%
COMMERCIALIZED SEX	0	0.0%	6	0.9%	2	0.0%	7	0.8%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	15	0.1%
INVASION	5	0.1%	1	0.1%	5	0.1%	3	0.3%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	14	0.1%
PUBLIC PEACE	7	0.1%	3	0.4%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	14	0.1%
CONSERVATION	3	0.0%	1	0.1%	4	0.1%	2	0.2%	1	0.4%	0	0.0%	11	0.1%
OBSTRUCTING JUSTICE	6	0.1%	0	0.0%	2	0.0%	1	0.1%	2	0.7%	0	0.0%	11	0.1%
EMBEZZLEMENT	3	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	5.0%	6	0.0%
MISPRISON TO FELONY	3	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	6	0.04%
HABITUAL OFFENDER	3	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	4	0.03%
GAMBLING	2	0.0%	1	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.02%
MISCONDUCT IN OFFICE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.1%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	3	0.02%
DRUNKENNESS	0	0.0%	1	0.1%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	2	0.01%
BRIBERY	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.01%
LICENSE VIOLATION	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.01%
OBSCENE MATERIAL	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.01%
TAX REVENUE	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	0	0.0%	1	0.01%
TOTAL	7,960	100.0%	680	100.0%	4,079	100.0%	896	100.0%	271	100.0%	20	100.0%	13,906	100.0%

* Highlighted areas indicate most common offenses for each demographic group. Inmates often are committed to SCDC with many offenses, with each carrying a specific sentence, county of commitment, etc. To facilitate statistical reporting, SCDC determines a single "most serious offense" (MSO) for each inmate. Before August 2005, the offense with the longest sentence determined MSO. Effective August 2005, inmates' MSO is the offense with the highest severity level (i.e. offenses are classified between severity level 1 and 5, with 5 as the most severe). In cases where an inmate has multiple offenses at the same severity level, SCDC considers the category of each offense, where homicide offenses take precedence, followed by sex offenses and violent offenses. If multiple offenses exist within the same category, the offense with the longest sentence then determines MSO. While the new methodology better represents offense severity, the definitional revision invalidates year to year comparisons and trend analysis of MSO distributions.

All percentages rounded.